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Re: 09/671,674 (US 5,815,293 and US 5,446,565)

Dear Examiner Henry,


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 OBJECTIVE LENS, CONDENSING OPTICAL SYSTEM, OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE, OPTICAL DISK DEVICE, OPTICAL DISK, MICROSCOPE AND EXPOSURE DEVICE (English)
 Patent Assignee: MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD
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AB - A compound objective lens is composed of a hologram lens or
transmitting a part of incident light without any diffraction to form
a beam of transmitted light and diffracting a remaining part of the
incident light to form a beam of first-order diffracted light, and an
objective lens for converging the transmitted light to form a first
converging spot on a front surface of a thin type of first information
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spot on a front surface of a thick type of second information medium.
Because the hologram selectively functions as a concave lens for the

diffracted light, a curvature of the transmitted light differs from that of the diffracted light. Therefore, even though the first and second information mediums have different thicknesses, the transmitted light incident on rear surface of the first information medium is converged on the its front surface, and the diffracted light incident on a rear surface of the second information medium is converged on the its front surface. That is, the compound objective lens has two focal points.

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